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Meeting Notes

Meeting #124

April 9, 2013

UW Tower

4333 Brooklyn Avenue

Seattle, WA 98105

22nd Floor

Members and Alternates Present

Matt Fox, Co-chair

Leman, Eastlake

(Laurelhurst)

Ashley Emery, UW

Zac Eskenazi, ,

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Brett Frosaker, RBCA

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Members and Alternates Absent

Bill Doell

Cameron Miller

Tom Roth

Eric Larson

Kirsten Curry

Ruedi Risler

Dave Eckert

Daniel Ngyen

Heather Newman

Staff and Others Present

Steve Sheppard, DON

I. Welcome and Introductions and Housekeeping

The meeting was opened by Matt Fox. Brief introductions followed. It was noted that there is a quorum achieved for tonight's meeting. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

II. Election of Officers

Steve Sheppard noted that Zac Eskenazi had been previously nominated for the vacant co-Chair position and that no others had put their name forward. Mr. Sheppard asked Mr. Eskenazi if he was sure that he wanted to serve in this capacity. Mr. Eskenazi responded in the affirmative. It was moved and that:

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Zac Eskenazi be elected by acclamation as co-chair of the City of Seattle - University of Washington Community Advisory Committee

There was a second and a call for further discussion. There being no further discussion the vote was called. The vote was unanimous.

III. Intellectual House Project

John Lebo, Director for Special Projects for Capital Projects was introduced to discuss this project. Mr. Lebo stated that he, appreciated the opportunity present this project. He noted that the project is called Walsh-lebolt, which is loosely translated as Intellectual House. It has been known as the House of Knowledge and as the Long House. Walsh-Lebolt is a Lushootseed Indian name and it was gifted to the University by some elders from the tribe so the University is very fortunate to have it. Mr. Lebo noted that this project has been long in the making going back about 40 years .

The project is located just east of McMahon hall in a portion of what is not the N6 parking lot. It will fill a portion of the parking lot as well as the adjacent lawn area. This is an iconic site adjacent to Steven's Way, and next to Lewis and Clark Halls.

Mr. Lebo noted that major portions of the site are wooded, and the University will retain most of the existing trees, and will only removing those trees necessary to allow building on the site. The University will need to remove some trees but will infill extensively. Re-planting will focus on native plants, and trees including Western Red Cedars, Vine Maple and other native shrubs and plants used for food as and in crafts. There's a very large English Oak that will be saved. The project was envisioned as two phases. Phase one will be built now and is referred to as the Gathering Hall. A second building - student services building – will be built at a later date.

The Gathering Hall will be available for all students, but the focus will be on Native American students as a place where they can come and engage other students on the University campus as well as to engage the community. The Native American community stages a large festival called the Raven's Feast which is currently held at Discovery Park. The hope is that this and some other similar events will be hosted here. That's The Gathering Hall is designed to accommodate 500 guests for dinner. Mr. Lebo noted that the Native American student population on campus is small and that the University is hoping to increase that number.

The first phase includes the Gathering Hall and, kitchen, storage, offices, as well as toilet rooms associated, and storage room. He noted that the site is designed for pedestrian to move through on their way to other locations as a tool to increase the prominence and visibility of this facility.

One of the main features of the exterior space is a "gathering circle" where people can gather around the circle of fire for dances. A water feature is also included and is modeled after a Salish Long-house and so it's coastal Indians so their relationship to water is a very powerful imagery for their kinds of culture and history. Incorporating water into the project is an important feature. Key nations involved in the project include the Yakima, Lushootseed, various Salish, and Snoqualmie. The architecture is broadly representative of a Salish long house but is meant to be a place for all Native Americans so includes futures from both coastal Plains groups. For example, circle is a very important aspect of Plains culture.

Mr. Lebo then used historic photographs of Salish long houses to illustrate the similarity in design, including use rectilinear columns, cedar plank siding held in between two poles. The building had few, if any, windows. He noted that historically these building were designed to be

easily dismantled and moved depending upon the season. The Gathering Hall building is very simple and will have no windows on the Stevens Way side to keep spirit with the original long-houses. The Gathering Hall will achieve the illusion of different sizes of cedar planking through doubling some courses and projecting a higher relief for others, thus creating a relief and shadow pattern. As you step back it will have this appearance similar to documented historic long-house structures that used different sizes exterior cedar planking.

The interior will also incorporate western red cedar planking and a large cedar carved doors. A traditional dark-red color is used. Depending upon cost, we may have some drywall used too. Members noted that the use of red cedar is iconic. Some noted tht they had visited the Duwamish Long House in South Seattle and were overpowered by the wonderful scent of the raw cedar. Members urged use of red cedar to the greatest extent possible.

Mr. Lebo noted that design will be completed around August/September of this year and start construction is anticipated December 2013 or January 2014 with completion no later than the start of Winter quarter 2015. The design is being lead by Jones & Jones Architects landscape architects here in Seattle. John Paul Jones is of Native American decent.

Total square footage is about 8300 square feet. The project costs all together is about \$5.8 million for the first phase. Funding is 1/3 from the State, little more than 1/3 from the University and the remainder is private donors The second phase will include class room type spaces.

Matt Fox noted that this development site was initially envisioned as accommodating a much larger building. Mr. Lebo responded that the development capacity designed for this site is for a much larger it was available for a much larger building. However, given the importance of this project it was determined that a highly visible site was needed.

Bret Frosaker stated that the dedication of so large a site is surprising given that the use is peripheral to the primary function of the University. John Lebo responded that this and similar facilities such as the new Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center are intended to promote the appreciation of diversity among the student population.

At the conclusion of the presentation, members expressed general approval of and satisfaction with this project.

IV. Round Robin Discussion

Chris Leman asked for clarification concerning the status of any development proposals for the Denny Yard Site. Matt Fox responded that the University responded to CUCAC concerns with a letter that stated tht there were no plans for development on that site and that if any future consideration of development arose, CUCAC would be closely consulted.

V. Adjournment

No further business being before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.